

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 1415 because it is consistent with the course articulation efforts called for under the terms of the State's Higher Education Compact. SB 1415 would require the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) and the Chancellor's Office for the California Community Colleges (COCCC) to work together on common course numbering, in order to facilitate the transfer of students from a community college to the UC and CSU. Common course numbers will help students know what courses are expected for transfer, so that courses do not need to be repeated after students transfer.

The Chancellor of the CSU and COCCC have committed to implementation of this bill within their existing resources, and stating that this bill will not result in additional costs for local community college districts. The community colleges already receive incentive funding for course articulation activities in the annual budget, and should any mandated costs arise from implementation of this bill, those costs will be paid from within the existing resources of the CSU and community colleges.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger